NEWS RELEASE

Date: Friday, December 16, 2005

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FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE SCHEDULED FOR NORTHBOUND SAN DIEGO FREEWAY (I-405)

INGLEWOOD – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close all lanes of the northbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) between La Cienega Boulevard and La Tijera Boulevard for overhead sign installation and lighting work, Tuesday, December 20, from midnight until 5 a.m., weather permitting. The detour will be marked with signage.

Caltrans will also close various lanes, ramps, and connectors on northbound and southbound I-405 from Jefferson Boulevard to Imperial Highway, for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and soundwall construction, nightly, Monday, December 19 through Thursday, December 22, from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m., weather permitting. At least one regular use lane on the freeway and one collector lane, in each direction, will be open to traffic at all times. The closures are as follows:

NIGHTLY, DECEMBER 19, 21, and 22:

On northbound I-405, up to two lanes from Manchester Boulevard to Braddock Drive; northbound I-405 collector to I-105; La Tijera Boulevard off-ramp; and the Slauson Avenue/Sepulveda Boulevard off-ramp will be closed nightly from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.

On southbound I-405, up to two lanes from Jefferson Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard; up to two lanes from La Cienega Boulevard to the Century Boulevard offramp; up to two lanes from Century Boulevard to Imperial Highway; southbound I-405 collector to I-105; La Cienega Boulevard on-ramp; Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on-ramp will be closed nightly from approximately 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. The Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on and off-ramps; and the La Tijera Boulevard on-ramp will be closed daily from approximately 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m.

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DECEMBER 20:

On northbound I-405, up to three lanes from El Segundo Boulevard to eastbound Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105) connector; up to five lanes from eastbound I-105 connector to Manchester Boulevard/La Cienega Boulevard; up to two lanes from Manchester Boulevard to Braddock Drive; northbound I-405 collector to I-105; westbound Century Boulevard to northbound I-405; eastbound and westbound Manchester to northbound I-405; La Tijera Boulevard off-ramp; and the Slauson Avenue/Sepulveda Boulevard off-ramp will be closed nightly from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.

On southbound I-405, up to two lanes from Jefferson Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard; up to two lanes from La Cienega Boulevard to the Century Boulevard offramp; up to two lanes from Century Boulevard to Imperial Highway; southbound I-405 collector to I-105; La Cienega Boulevard on-ramp; Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on-ramp will be closed nightly from approximately 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. The Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on and off-ramps; and the La Tijera Boulevard on-ramp will be closed daily from approximately 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m.

The \$34.7 million I-405 HOV lane project started construction in spring, 2003. The project will add 5.1 miles of HOV lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions along I-405 between Route 105 and Route 90. Soundwalls will be built at various locations. The time frame for completion is winter, 2006.

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